

DISCLOSURE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **ANSWER**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**

DATE: 9/9/2019

DOCKET #:

Kristy F. Gary, Director
Disclosure Division

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Damon Quentin Hardesty
Office/Position: Calcasieu Parish School Board / District 9 / Calcasieu
Dates of Service: 2015 - present
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 10

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2016 - Amendment
Report ID: PFD17001947
Original Due Date: 5/15/2017
Initial PFD Filed on: 4/12/2017
NOD-amend Received: 10/27/2018
Amendment/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 11/6/2018
Amendment/Answer Filed: 2/15/2019

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$2500
Days late from receipt of NOD: 101
Total days late from initial due date: 641
Late Fee Order Received: 2/11/2019
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 3/4/2019
Waiver Request Received: 7/9/2019

COMMENTS:

Ms. Hardesty is requesting a waiver on behalf of Mr. Hardesty. The Hardesty's thought they had submitted the required documents and the matter was resolved. They are asking for a waiver because they didn't realize they would be fined after submitting corrected paperwork.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: Yes, (2016 - \$2500 and 2017- \$2500)
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

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Name of Report: Tier 2 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2017 - Amendment
Report ID: PFD18004734
Original Due Date: 5/15/2018
Initial PFD Filed on: 5/2/2018
NOD-amend Received: 10/27/2018
Amendment/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 11/6/2018
Amendment/Answer Filed: 2/15/2019

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$2500
Days late from receipt of NOD: 101
Total days late from initial due date: 276
Late Fee Order Received: 7/5/2019
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 7/25/2019
Waiver Request Received: 7/9/2019

COMMENTS:

Mr. Hardesty is requesting a waiver for both the late fees for 2016 and 2017. He was required to file amendments. Mr. Hardesty's wife submitted the corrected forms. They thought by submitting corrected forms they were okay and needed no further action. Mr. Hardesty didn't realize that they were being fined and needed to also request a waiver. Mr. and Mrs. Hardesty understand the process now.

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Attention: Tracy Barker

Enclosed is a waiver request letter. After speaking with Kristy Gary last week, I am submitting it to you per her instruction. The only documents that I have supporting what took place are the notes (actual post its) of the dates and who I spoke with. I know that there is record of the phone calls placed and of course there will be dates showing the amended forms were submitted on your end as well.

I am not making excuses for this not being done properly. I do understand rules and procedures. My husband was at first appointed to this position, and this is all new to us. That is the reason I called each time we received a letter, to make sure I was completely understanding what I needed to do to correct and clear up the matter. I've even spoken to Tami to make sure the statement uploaded correctly to be sure it was submitted timely. I did check with Kristy during our last conversation, and it seems the 2018 is in compliance, so it looks like we got it right this time (finally).

I am humbly asking for a waiver of fees but would be grateful for them even being reduced. A total of \$5000.00 in penalties seems extreme for a box accidentally being left unchecked and income being reported on a wrong schedule.

Any help in this misunderstanding is greatly appreciated. If you need anything else from me, you can contact me at 337-313-8503.

Again, Thank you for your help!

Amanda Hardesty

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Louisiana Board Of Ethics
P.O. Box 4368
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RE: Tier 2 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure Statement for 2016- Amendment
Tier 2 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure Statement for 2017- Amendment
Calcasieu Parish School Board- District 9

Dear Board,

I, Amanda Hardesty, am writing this letter on behalf of my husband Damon Hardesty. He serves as Calcasieu Parish School Board Member District 9. I am humbly asking that you consider waiving or reducing the late fees for the 2016 and 2017 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement- Amendment.

On October 27, 2018 we received a letter stating that an amendment needed to be filed for his personal financial disclosure statement. When I called to see what needed to be corrected, I was told that his statement looked to be in compliance. I then received another letter in February. Panicked, I called and left a message on February 11th and February 13th. I finally spoke with Mrs. Karen Winfrey.

When I spoke to Ms. Winfrey she explained to me that **one box had not been checked that was not applicable** on the 2016 statement and that we had **listed the income from the School Board position on the wrong schedule** for 2017. She then instructed me to correct the form and send it to her. I did this. I made sure that she had received them. I told her about the letters and the fines that were stated and she told me that correcting these forms would take care of that. I double checked with her and asked if I needed to do anything else. I specifically asked if I owed the fine and she said no, that the corrected forms took care of it.

On June 24 2019 I received a letter stating that an outstanding balance of late fees were owed in the amount of \$2500.00 for 2016 failing to timely amend Personal Financial Disclosure Statement. I called to speak with Karen and found out that she no longer worked there. I then spoke to Kristy Gary on June 27 2019 and she told me she would look into everything. On July 1, 2019 I called Kristy to check the status of things. She apologized and explained to me that I had been misinformed. She properly explained the process to me. That even though I had sent the amendment for the statements, I was still required to request a waiver within the requested period. She told me then that I would be getting another letter about 2017 for an additional \$2500.00. I received on July 5, 2019. Kristy explained that I could still try to submit a waiver request for both 2016 and 2017 penalties.

I do understand that I received a letter stating the process. I understand that there are rules and procedures. I called specifically to make sure I understood correctly and to fix the issues with the disclosure statements. I do sincerely ask again that you consider waiving or reducing these fees.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

With Much Appreciation,

Amanda Hardesty

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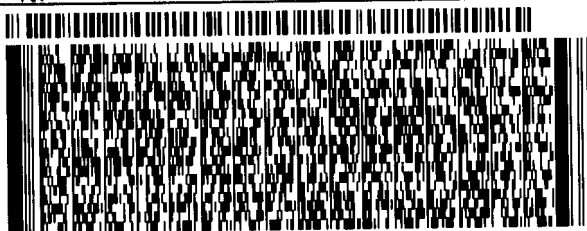
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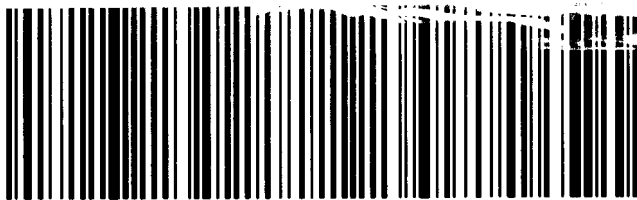
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